1996, the Various State/Union Territory Governments were advised to conduct survey to identify bonded labourers in their respective States latest by 31.12.1996. The outcome of the survey as reported is given below:—

1. Arunachal Pradesh	2460
2. Bihar	106
3. Karnataka	19
4. Madhya Pradesh	18
5. Maharashtra	2
6. Uttar Pradesh	237
7. Tamil Nadu	24918*
Total	27760

* The bonded labourers have been identified by NGOs appointed by State Government. This is being verified by concerned Distt. Collector.

The findings of the above mentioned survey are still being verified in some cases.

(c) and (d) As per available provisional data, 3970 inspections were carried out during 1996 in which 60142 irregularities were detected and 3158 cases of prosecution launched in terms of the provisions contained in the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970.

Atomic Minerals

79. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where the Union Government have conducted survey through Geological Survey of India to explore the possibilities of atomic minerals in 1996-97; and

(b) the names and quantity of atomic minerals explored thereby;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No survey has conducted by Government through Geological Survey of India to explore for atomic minerals in 1996-97

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Tuberculosis

80. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the study titled "Anti Tuberculosis Drug Resistance in the World" conducted jointly by World Health Organisation (WHO) and other leading international health agencies to identify tuberculosis "hot zones" in India particularly in Delhi, which alone leads with a 13 per cent of T.B. patients who are multi-drug resistant;

(b) if so, the outcome of the study; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to evolve new drug therapy for this multi-drug resistant T.B.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is primarily caused due to irregular and/or incomplete treatment. As per the recommendations and outcome of this study the remedy lies in prevention of MDR-TB by implementing a more effective TB control Programme treating sputum positive pulmonary TB cases using the strategy of Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) which has already been implemented in population of over 20 million and is to be extended o 271 million in a phased manner.

Filling up of Posts in AIIMS

81. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had given a ruling that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), N. Delhi should fill up all senior administrative posts and faculty positions through open selection by the Standing Selection Committee and approved by the governing body;

(b) if so, the details of posts vacant and the steps taken to fill up these posts;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaint about making appointments by passing the ruling given by the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) The institute have reported that they are not aware of such a ruling given by the Supreme Court.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Developed Contraceptive Cream

82. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's scientists have developed a new contraceptive cream by making use of 'neem' tree;

(b) if so, whether this contraceptive cream has been tested on human beings;

(c) if so, whether this cream has been found useful as a contraceptive; and

(d) if so, the time by which this cream is likely to be made available to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (d) Scientists of the Defence Institute of Physiology and Applied Sciences, under the Ministry of Defence have developed a neem-based contraceptive. According to information given by the Defence Institute of Physiology and Applied Sciences, the contraceptive has not so far been tested on human beings, but it has been found useful as a pre-coital vaginal contraceptive in animal experiments. The availability of the contraceptive to the customers will depend upon the successful completion of trials on human beings.

[English]

Power Projects

83. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVEENCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Development Bank has decided to finance some power projects in the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ADB has sought the counter guarantee from the States/Union Government for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) ADB has identified loan and technical assistance for 1998-2000 for the following projects/schemes in the power sector:—

Lending		
1.	Gujarat Power Sector Restructuring (SDP)	$ 300 m.
2	PFC	$ 500 m.
3.	State Power Sector Restructuring II (SDP)	$ 300 m.
4.	Southern Region Power Station	$ 250 m.
5.	State Power Sector Restructuring III (SDP)	$ 300 m.
Technical Assistance		
1.	Southern Region Combined Cycle Power Station	$ 0.600 m.
2.	State Power Sector Restructuring II	$ 1.000 m.
3.	State Power Sector Restructuring III	$ 1.000 m.
4.	Support for PFC	$ 1.000 m.

The actual commitment would be subject to further negotiations with concerned states/executing agencies.

(c) and (d) Where Government of India is the borrower the question of guarantee/counter guarantee does not arise. In cases where the ADB assistance in routed directly to the Implementing Agency with the approval of the Government of India, the debt serving charges of the ADB are guaranteed by Government of India.

Mejia Thermal Power Project

84. SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the time likely to be taken to synchronise the third unit of Mejia Thermal Power Project;

(b) the bottlenecks faced by the Government in executing the project; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Third unit of Mejia Thermal Power Project of